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HOUSE BILL No. 1145

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Citations Affected: IC 25-1; IC 34-6; IC 34-30.

Synopsis: Civil immunity for volunteer health care providers. Specifies criteria for civil immunity from liability for certain volunteer health care providers. Requires the professional licensing agency to establish and maintain: (1) a process for the approval of locations at which volunteer health care services may be provided; and (2) a health care volunteer registry. Provides that an approval of a location where the provision of health care services in which a provider may be immune from civil liability is valid for up to two years. Requires a person who meets the criteria for immunity from civil liability to provide a record and results of laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests to the patient.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 8, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 17, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 12. (a) The agency shall establish and maintain:**
4 **(1) a process for the approval of locations at which the**
5 **provision of a health care service described in IC 34-30-13-1.2**
6 **is determined by the agency to be appropriate; and**
7 **(2) a health care volunteer registry of:**
8 **(A) persons who intend to provide a health care service as**
9 **described in IC 34-30-13-1.2; and**
10 **(B) locations approved under subdivision (1).**
11 **(b) An approval of a location under subsection (a)(1) is valid for**
12 **up to two (2) years.**
13 SECTION 2. IC 34-6-2-55, AS AMENDED BY P.L.77-2012,
14 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 55. (a) "Health care services":**

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(1) except as provided in subdivision (2), for purposes of IC 34-30-13, has the meaning set forth in IC 27-13-1-18(a); and (2) for purposes of IC 34-30-13-1.2, means only noninvasive examinations, treatments, and procedures and the following noninvasive procedures:

(A) Routine dental services.

(B) Injections.

(C) Suturing of minor lacerations.

(D) Incisions of boils or superficial abscesses.

The term does not include performance of an abortion, including abortion by surgical means, by use of an abortion inducing drug, or by prescribing a controlled substance or scheduled drug under IC 35-48.

(b) "Health care services", for purposes of IC 34-30-13.5, means:

(1) any services provided by an individual licensed under:

(A) IC 25-2.5;

(B) IC 25-10;

(C) IC 25-13;

(D) IC 25-14;

(E) IC 25-22.5;

(F) IC 25-23;

(G) IC 25-23.5;

(H) IC 25-23.6;

(I) IC 25-24;

(J) IC 25-26;

(K) IC 25-27;

(L) IC 25-27.5;

(M) IC 25-29;

(N) IC 25-33;

(O) IC 25-34.5; or

(P) IC 25-35.6;

(2) services provided as the result of hospitalization;

(3) services incidental to the furnishing of services described in subdivisions (1) or (2);

(4) any services by individuals:

(A) licensed as paramedics;

(B) certified as advanced emergency medical technicians; or

(C) certified as emergency medical technicians under IC 16-31-2;

(5) any services provided by individuals certified as emergency medical responders under IC 16-31-2; or

(6) any other services or goods furnished for the purpose of



preventing, alleviating, curing, or healing human illness, physical disability, or injury.

SECTION 3. IC 34-30-13-1.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 1.2. (a) Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, a person who meets each of the following criteria is immune from civil liability resulting from any act or omission related to the provision of a health care service:**

(1) Is licensed as any of the following:

(A) A physician under IC 25-22.5.

(B) A physician assistant under IC 25-27.5.

(C) A dentist under IC 25-14.

(D) A nurse under IC 25-23.

(E) An advanced practice nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1(b)) who is licensed under IC 25-23.

(2) Provides the health care service:

(A) voluntarily;

(B) to another individual;

(C) without compensation;

(D) within the scope of the person's license described in subdivision (1); and

(E) at a location that is approved by and listed on the health care volunteer registry maintained under IC 25-1-5-12.

(3) Notifies, before providing the health care service:

(A) the individual receiving the health care service; or

(B) the person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

that the person providing the health care service is immune from civil liability in relation to the provision of the health care service.

(4) Obtains the signature of:

(A) the individual receiving the health care service; or

(B) the person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

on a waiver that states the person providing health care services is immune from civil liability in relation to the provision of the health care services.

(5) Is listed on the health care volunteer registry maintained under IC 25-1-5-12.

(b) The immunity provided under this chapter applies to:

(1) dental services provided in a dental office; and



(2) health care services that are provided in a setting other than:

(A) a physician's office;

(B) an entity licensed or certified by the state department of health;

(C) a health care facility, including a facility that receives federal funding; or

(D) any other permanent facility in which the primary purpose is to provide health care services.

(c) A sponsoring organization, owner, operator, lessor, or lessee:

(1) of a location described in subsection (a)(2)(E); and

(2) that permits a person described in subsection (a) to provide a health care service at the location as described in this section;

is immune from civil liability resulting from an act or omission related to the provision of the health care service.

SECTION 4. IC 34-30-13-1.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1.3. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, a person who meets the criteria listed for immunity from civil liability in section 1.2 of this chapter must:

(1) provide a record of all laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests performed as part of a health care service to:

(A) an individual receiving health care service; or

(B) a person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

upon completion of the health care service; and

(2) provide the results of all laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests performed as part of a health care service to:

(A) an individual receiving health care service; or

(B) a person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

upon the request of the individual receiving the health care service or the person who is legally responsible for the individual receiving the health care service.

SECTION 5. IC 34-30-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. A person who provides health care services as described in section 1 of this chapter is not immune from civil liability if the damages resulting from the provision of the health care services resulted from the person's gross



1 negligence or willful misconduct.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1145, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "12." insert **"(a)"**.

Page 1, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) An approval of a location under subsection (a)(1) is valid for up to two (2) years."

Page 2, line 2, delete ", including" and insert **"and"**.

Page 2, line 3, delete "following:" and insert **"following noninvasive procedures:"**.

Page 2, line 9, delete "or" and insert **", "**.

Page 2, line 10, delete "drug." and insert **"drug, or by prescribing a controlled substance or scheduled drug under IC 35-48."**

Page 3, line 29, after "(4)" insert **"Obtains the signature of:**

(A) the individual receiving the health care service; or

(B) the person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

on a waiver that states the person providing health care services is immune from civil liability in relation to the provision of the health care services.

(5)".

Page 3, line 31, after "(b)" insert **"The immunity provided under this chapter applies to:**

(1) dental services provided in a dental office; and

(2) health care services that are provided in a setting other than:

(A) a physician's office;

(B) an entity licensed or certified by the state department of health;

(C) a health care facility, including a facility that receives federal funding; or

(D) any other permanent facility in which the primary purpose is to provide health care services.

(c)".

Page 3, between lines 38 and 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 34-30-13-1.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1.3. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, a person who meets the criteria listed for



immunity from civil liability in section 1.2 of this chapter must:

(1) provide a record of all laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests performed as part of a health care service to:

(A) an individual receiving health care service; or

(B) a person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

upon completion of the health care service; and

(2) provide the results of all laboratory and imaging based screenings and tests performed as part of a health care service to:

(A) an individual receiving health care service; or

(B) a person who is legally responsible for the care of the individual receiving the health care service;

upon the request of the individual receiving the health care service or the person who is legally responsible for the individual receiving the health care service."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1145 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

